

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MASAHIRO MOTOKI ET AL

: EXAMINER:

NEW REISSUE OF :
U.S. PATENT NO. 6,121,501

FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:

FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING
2,6-DIALKYLNAPHTHALENE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application identified above as follows (marked-up copy of amendments attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claim 27 as follows:

27. A process for preparing a polyester resin comprising:

producing 2,6-dialkylnaphthalene from a hydrocarbon feedstock by the process of

Claim 1;

oxidizing the 2,6-dialkylnaphthalene to form 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid; and
manufacturing the polyester resin from the 2,6-naphthalene-dicarboxylic acid.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment adds new Claim 27. Support for the amendment is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support is found in the specification at least at page 1, lines 10-14. In addition, support is found at page 11, lines 1-18, of parent Application No. 08/948,299, which the specification at page 23, lines 24-25, incorporates by reference. No new matter will be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-27 will be pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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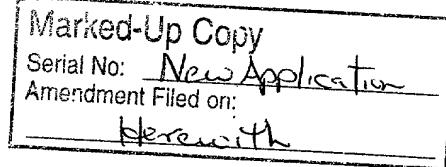


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